

SAUQUOIT VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Sauquoit, NY 13456

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Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular – Meeting took place remotely via Google Meet

Presiding Officer: Anthony Nicotera, Vice-President

Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent took roll call:

Members Present: Anthony Nicotera, Ronald Critelli, James Dever, Todd Nelson,
and Christine Weber Mangini

Absent: Dawn Miller and Michele Brennan-Vuocolo

Administrators Present: Ronald Wheelock, Superintendent of Schools
Kimberly Hibbard, District Treasurer

Others Present: Mark Putnam, Brian Read, Pete Madden, Craig Manderville, Tracy
Facchini, Joe Corleto, Alison Pirger, Linda Leuthauser and Derek
LaLonde (MORIC).

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Mr. Anthony Nicotera, Vice-President.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation – There were none.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wheelock shared with the Board information on a high school senior student, Abe Taha, who wrote a book titled, "The Planetary Hero and the Cataclysmic Villain," which can be purchased through Amazon. Abe Taha would like to donate the proceeds of the book to help offset the school budget. Mr. Wheelock stated that if possible he will try and arrange for Abe Taha to come to a Board meeting and be recognized, even if it is by virtual appearance. Board members agreed.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business -

Resolution No. 51 – made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded by Mr. Dever excluding motion 9.3 BOCES Budget:

- to appoint Amy Bepko as a long-term substitute at the middle school, effective April 27, 2020.
- to approve Isabella Arrigo as a per diem substitute teacher effective April 29, 2020.

- BOCES Board Elections to approval for the Board Cooperative Educational Services election.

WHEREAS, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

WHEREAS, notification was received on March 27, 2020 of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented at Oneida BOCES on April 28, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the person or persons indicated as follows:

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mrs. Michelle Anderson, (Oriskany Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mrs. Michelle Anderson
143 Elm Street
Oriskany, NY 13424

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Steve Boucher, (Remsen Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Steve Boucher
9812 Twin Rock Road
Remsen, NY 13424

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. John A. Griffin, (Sauquoit Valley Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. Anthony Nicotera
9449 Jennifer Lane
Sauquoit, NY 13456

- to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. John J. Salerno, (Whitesboro Central School District), please cast one vote for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties:

Mr. John J. Salerno
5459 Prescott Road
Deerfield, NY 13502

- that the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting be approved.
- that authorization be given regarding the payment of bills approved by the claims auditor dated April 31, 2020.
- that the Board of Education upon completion of its review of the IEP in accordance with Section 200.4(d)(2) of the Regulations of the Commissioner agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students numbered 102965, 103006, 102875, 1401312, 1400096, 1400911, 1401049, 1400463, 1401253 and 103022 as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and agrees to arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for students as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Critelli to open discussion on motion 9.3. Mr. Nelson questioned why BOCES budget is not on hold and reviewed for cost savings as all the schools are. He would like to know that in these difficult budget times that BOCES is taking a strong look at areas that could be reduced in their budget. Mr. Wheelock stated that he will inform BOCES of this concern. Mr. Nelson thanked Mr. Wheelock.

Resolution No. 52 made by Mr. Dever and seconded by Mr. Critelli.

- for approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget.
WHEREAS, the BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and
WHEREAS, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 16, 2020 and an information meeting was presented at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES on April 1, 2020.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education **APPROVES** the tentative administration budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$3,836,778.08 for 2020-2021.

Carried: Ayes 4, Nays 1.

Miscellaneous Topics –

- Mr. Nelson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wheelock for his dedicated work on the budget. If the modified sports are eliminated is there going to be some group or organization for the students at their grade level to participate in? Mr. Wheelock stated that he will look into it. Mr. Dever reiterated with the budget that in looking at the cuts, someone should look at the number of students enrolled in the groups/sports etc. before making a decision to cut just due to the dollar amount.
- Mr. Critelli reported that Governor Cuomo announced that he plans on making an announcement in regards to the re-opening of schools by the end of this week. It may involve summer school for students. Mr. Wheelock stated that if that is the decision and the state is willing to fund the program, he will be glad to work this out.
- Mr. Nicotera expressed that he has heard many positive comments and support from the community about the teachers, their support and hard work given to the students and families during this time of crisis.

Public to be Heard –

1. Heather Cehonski asked, “If there are any plans for a graduation or prom for the students?” Everything is on hold until executive order of closing is lifted and schools are re-opened. If schools do reopen, Mr. Wheelock is open for suggestions to hold these events as there will be restrictions/guidelines in place for the safety of all. Feel free to contact him. Mr. Nicotera stated that it is nice to see the signs in the lawns of seniors that were donated and placed there by the PTO and Sports Booster Club. Memorable gesture the students can enjoy.
2. Ms. Cehonski asked if the sign in front of the high school can display the senior student’s names that are graduating. Mr. Wheelock will look into it.

Executive Session – Mr. Nicotera asked if there was anything to discuss in executive session. There was none.

Resolution No. 53 – made by Mrs. Weber-Mangini, and seconded by Mr. Dever that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Goodman, Clerk
Board of Education